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Claim 1. (Amended) An earplug comprising:
a foam body free of detectable material; and
a detectable insert encapsulated within said foam body.

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Claim 7. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an earplug comprising:
[obtaining] providing an earplug having a foam body free of detectable material;
forming a channel in said foam body;
placing a detectable insert in said channel; and
allowing said foam body to encapsulate said insert.

Claim 16, line 1, change "obtaining" to -providing-.

Please enter the following newly added claims:

22. (Newly Added) The earplug of claim 1 wherein:

the detectable insert comprises a spherical ball having an outer surface and the
foam body has an outer surface, wherein the foam body is free of detectable material from the
outer surface of the spherical ball to the outer surface of the foam body.

23. (Newly Added) The earplug of claim 1 wherein:

the detectable insert is selectively isolated in a region defined within the foam
body.